REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment claims 1, 2, 4-9, 14, 17, 18, 21 and 22 are canceled.

Since the present amendment merely cancels claims and is being filed before the payment of the issue fee, entry of the amendment is proper and respectfully requested.

Applicants point out that the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 4-9, 14, 17, 18, 21 and 22 is without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants expressly preserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee necessary for consideration and/or entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,
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